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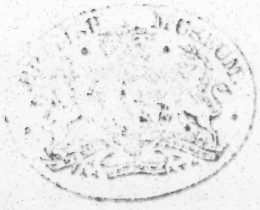

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THE *Uſefulneſs of private Societies, to anſwer particular good Purpoſes, which either had not been, or could not be ſo well provided for by the publick Acts of a Community, is well known to be fully juſtified by the Practice of the beſt of Men in all Ages, and in all civiliz'd Countries. We, therefore, the Natives of that Part of* Great-Britain, *called* Scotland, *Reſidents in the City of* Philadelphia, *meeting frequently with our Country People here in Diſtreſs, more eſpecially Travellers, and tranſient Perſons, who are not entitled to the publick Charity of the Place, have agreed to form ourſelves into a Society, for the Relief of all ſuch; whereby they may be more ſpeedily, more regularly, and more bountifully aſſiſted, than could be done in the Way of making occaſional Collections for the Purpoſe, as had formerly been the Practice.*

BUT as we propoſed to reſtrict the Charities of the Society to our indigent Country Folks alone, ſo it was our original Intention to admit none but Scotſmen *born*

into it, and to apply to, or receive Contributions from none elſe. Yet upon conſidering that many, deſcended of Scots *Parents, might be both able and willing to contribute to a charitable Deſign of this Nature, we judged on due Deliberation, it would be wrong to exclude ſuch from joining with us. For this Reaſon, we concluded to leave an Opening for the Admiſſion of thoſe of them, who might be ſo diſpoſed; and accordingly we have had the Pleaſure to find that ſeveral have generouſly embraced the Opportunity. Nor ſhould we be held excuſed by the ſenſible and diſtinguiſhing Part of Mankind, did we not on this Occaſion acknowledge, in the moſt grateful and publick Manner, the peculiar Honour done us by the Honourable Governor of this Province, in condeſcending to favour our little Society with his Preſence and Protection: A very plain Inſtance (among many others which might be given) that he takes a Pleaſure in every Sort of Benevolence, and that he will never ſuffer the Dignity of his Station to prevent him from being ſerviceable to the very meaneſt of his Fellow Creatures.*

UPON the Whole, we hope it will appear on a candid Examination of the Rules by which this Society is conducted, that a fair and impartial Connexion is preſerved, betwixt thoſe from whom the Charity is collected, and thoſe to whoſe Relief it is applied, as far as the primary Deſign of the Inſtitution would permit.

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I.

THE Society ſhall be called by the Name of the St. *Andrew*'s *Society*, at *Philadelphia*, in the Province of *Pennſylvania*.

II. In order to maintain a good Underſtanding, Acquaintance and Fellowſhip, with one another, the Members of the Society ſhall aſſemble at ſome convenient Houſe, in *Philadelphia*, four Times in every Year, *viz.* The laſt Day of *November*, *February*, *May* and *Auguſt*; but when either of theſe Days happen to be of a *Sunday*, the Meeting ſhall be the Day following. At theſe Meetings the Society may reſolve upon, and vote ſuch further Rules and Orders, as may from Time to Time be found neceſſary and convenient for the Regulation of the Society.

III. The Meeting on St. *Andrew*'s Day, ſhall be called, *The Anniverſary Aſſembly of the St.* Andrew's

drew's *Society*. On which Day, or the Day following, if that happens to be *Sunday*, the Members regularly met, ſhall, by Majority of Votes, elect the Officers for the enſuing Year, *viz.* a Preſident, and Vice Preſident, four Aſſiſtants, a Treaſurer, and Secretary, who muſt all be Reſidents in the City of *Philadelphia*.

IV. A Majority of the Members met at any of the Quarterly Meetings, ſhall, upon due Application made, have Power to admit into the Society, any Man of Honour and Integrity, provided he be a *Scotſman*, or of *Scots* Parentage. Provided alſo that no Man be brought into the Company of the Society, until he has been regularly admitted a Member of it.

V. Every Gentleman applied to by any of the Aſſiſtants, for their Charity, who ſhall give any Sum, not leſs than *Twenty Shillings*, to the Society, ſhall have his Name entered in the Books as an Honorary Member, the Quarterly Meeting following.

VI. If any of the Officers happen to die, or remove out of the Province, during the Year for which they were elected, the Members met at the next Quarterly Meeting, ſhall, by Plurality of Votes, elect others in their Room for the Service of the remaining Part of the Year.

VII. Any Member being duly elected an Officer, who ſhall refuſe to act, ſhall forfeit *Forty Shillings*, *Pennſylvania* Currency, for the Uſe of the Society, and another ſhall be immediately choſen in his Room.

VIII.

VIII. The Preſident, or, in his Abſence, the Vice Preſident, ſhall appoint the Place of Meeting, in *Philadelphia*, every Quarter, and ſhall give ten Days Notice to the Members, by an Advertiſement in the News Papers, directed to the *Members of the St.* Andrew's *Society.*

IX. Every Member, who ſhall then be reſident in the City, and is abſent from any of the regular Meetings, ſhall be noted in the Minutes for the Default, and if he does not offer to the Society at their next Meeting, ſuch a reaſonable Excuſe as they ſhall judge a good One, for every Abſence on St. *Andrew*'s Day, he ſhall forfeit *Fifteen Shillings* Currency, and for every Abſence at any other Meeting, *Seven Shillings and Sixpence*, for the Uſe of the Society.

X. The Preſident, or Vice Preſident, ſhall, at their Diſcretion, agree for the Entertainment of the Society, for any Sum not exceeding *Ten Shillings* a Man, every St. *Andrew*'s Day, or *Six Shillings* a Man every other Meeting; and the ſaid Sums ſhall be paid by the reſpective Members, without deducting any Part of the ſame out of the Society's Stock.

XI. Every preſent Member of this Society, as well as every Member hereafter to be admitted, ſhall immediately ſubſcribe the Rules, and pay into the Hands of the Treaſurer, a Sum not leſs than *Twenty Shillings*, *Pennſylvania* Currency, to be applied according to the Rules and Orders herein aftermentioned.

XII. Every reſident Member, during his Continuance as ſuch, ſhall pay Quarterly into the Hands

of the Treaſurer, a Sum not leſs than *Five Shillings* Currency.

XIII. All Benefactions, Donations, and Forfeitures, ſhall likewiſe be paid into the Hands of the Treaſurer for the Time being, who, immediately after his Election, ſhall become bound in an Obligation to the Preſident, Vice Preſident, and former Treaſurer, or to either of them, in double the Value of the Society's Stock, then to be put into his Hands, with Condition, to render to the Society a juſt and true Account of the ſame, and of all Donations, Quarterly Payments, Forfeitures, and other Improvements thereof, Fire, and other unforeſeen Accidents, only excepted, and to deliver the ſame to the Obligers, or to the Order of the Society, or the next Treaſurer, at any Time when thereunto required, by a Majority of the Members regularly met, at any Anniverſary, or Quarterly Meeting.

XIV. As Charity for the Relief of thoſe in Want, is principally intended by this Undertaking, all the Money which from Time to Time ſhall be paid into the Hands of the Treaſurer, ſhall be uſed and applied to the beſt Advantage for promoting that Deſign; and if at any Time there ſhall be more Money in the Stock, than the preſent Exigencies of the Poor require, the Treaſurer, at the Deſire, and by the Direction of the Society, at any General or Quarterly Meeting, ſhall lend out the ſame at Intereſt, on good Security for the Payment thereof, for any Time not exceeding one Year, which Security ſhall be taken jointly and ſeverally in the Names of the Preſident, and Vice Preſident and Treaſurer, for the Time being.

XV.

XV. The Charity of the Society ſhall be applied in the following Manner, *viz.* The Preſident, and Vice Preſident, in Conjunction with the other Officers of the Society, or, in their Abſence, a like Number of the Members, ſhall have Power to draw Orders on the Treaſurer for the Time being, payable to ſuch poor Perſons as they ſhall judge proper Objects of the Society's Charity, which the Treaſurer ſhall immediately pay. Provided always that none but Natives of *Scotland*, their Widows and Children, or the Widows and Children of thoſe of *Scots* Parentage, who are, or may be hereafter Members of this Society, ſhall ever be entitled to any Part of this Charity. Provided alſo, that the Sums ſo drawn for, do not exceed *Five Pounds*, to any one Perſon, and *Thirty Pounds* in the Whole, during one Quarter; and of the ſaid Draughts and Payments, the Treaſurer ſhall make Report at the next Quarterly Meeting. But for any larger Sums, the poor Perſon qualified as above, ſhall be obliged to petition the Society, at the next Quarterly Meeting, where the Members met, ſhall have Power, by Plurality of Votes, to order what Sum they ſhall think convenient. Provided the ſame does not exceed *Ten Pounds* to any one Perſon, or *Sixty Pounds* during one Quarter. The Conſideration of the Payment of any larger Sums than thoſe laſt mentioned, ſhall be referred to the Anniverſary Aſſembly of the Society.

XVI. The Treaſurer for the Time being, ſhall out of the Society's Stock, from Time to Time, provide compleat Setts of Books, wherein he ſhall regularly enter all the ſeveral Sums of Money directed to be paid by the Rules, together with the Names of the Perſons paying, and the particular Times

Times when the ſaid Sums ſhall be paid: He ſhall likewiſe enter all Diſburſements, made by Order of the Preſident, and Vice Preſident, *&c.* or otherwiſe; and ſhall produce theſe Books to be inſpected and examined by the Members every Quarterly-Meeting.

XVII. A LARGE Seal ſhall be provided for the Uſe of the Society, with a Thiſtle and Crown over it, together with the Motto, *Nemo me impune laceſſet.* This Seal ſhall be put into the Hands of the Preſident for the Time being, to be uſed as hereafter directed.

XVIII. ALL the preſent Members, and thoſe who ſhall be afterwards admitted, ſhall take a Certificate of their Admiſſion, under the Society's Seal, ſigned by the Preſident, or Vice Preſident, and Secretary, in the following Form:

THESE are to certify, that
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was by a Majority of Votes, regularly admitted a Member of the St. Andrew's Society, *of* Philadelphia, *in the Province of* Pennſylvania, *at a Meeting of the Society, the Day of*
Anno Domini,
Given under our Hand, and Seal of the Society, the Day and Year above-written.

Preſident.
Secretary.

XIX. THE Aſſiſtants, as Occaſions offer, ſhall, with the Conſent of the Preſident, or Vice Preſident, wait on all Gentlemen Strangers and others, whom they ſhall think proper to acquaint with the charitable

ble Deſign of the Society, and modeſtly deſire their Aſſiſtance and Concurrence therein. The Succeſs whereof they ſhall from Time to Time report to the next Quarterly Meeting of the Members, with the Names of the Benefactors, and the particular Sums given by each, that they may be regularly enter'd in the Books. Provided always, and it is hereby expreſly Ruled, That no Application for Aſſiſtance be ever made to, or accepted from, any but Natives of *Scotland*, or the Children of *Scotſmen*.

XX. A Book ſhall be provided, as often as neceſſary, wherein the Secretary ſhall enter all the Rules and Orders, which now are, or hereafter ſhall be voted and agreed upon, for the Regulation of the Society, together with the Names of the Members, and the Times of their Admiſſion; and alſo the Election of the Officers, and their Deaths, as well as the Deaths of any of the Members. The Secretary ſhall likewiſe duly enter in the ſaid Book, all Petitions to the Society, and Orders of it, for the Payments of Money. Alſo all Donations, all Reports made by any of the Officers, all Forfeitures incurred by any of the Members, and all the other Proceedings and Tranſactions of the Society, when regularly met together.

XXI. The Treaſurer ſhall, out of the Stock, provide a ſtrong Box, with a Lock and Key, wherein ſhall be ſafely lodg'd the Rules and Orders of the Society, with all the Money in Stock, and the Securities for the ſame, excepting the Bond to be entered into by the Treaſurer, which ſhall be kept by the Preſident; and alſo all the Books, Papers, Accompts and Minutes of the Tranſactions of the Society. This Box, with every Thing contained

ed in it, ſhall be produced by the Treaſurer to the Society every Anniverſary Aſſembly, at their Place of Meeting, to be there inſpected and examined by the Members, and afterwards delivered to the ſucceeding Treaſurer, upon his being duly elected, and giving Security, according to the Direction of the Rules.

XXII. At all Meetings of the Society, after the Preſident, or Vice Preſident has taken the Chair, the Rules ſhall be read by the Secretary before the Company proceed to Buſineſs, and nothing ſhall be talk'd of but the Buſineſs of the Society, while the Preſident keeps the Chair. Whoever offends againſt this Rule, after having been once reprimanded from the Chair, ſhall forfeit *Two Shillings* and *Six-pence* to the Box.

XXIII. Good Order and Decency ſhall be obſerved in all the Proceedings of the Society; and every Member ſpeaking on Buſineſs, ſhall direct his Diſcourſe to the Chairman, who, after Debate, ſhall ſum up the Subſtance of the Argument, and propoſe the ſame to the Vote of the Company; in all which Matters, a Majority ſhall prevail, unleſs where the Rules expreſly order it to be otherwiſe.

XXIV. On any particular Emergency, the Preſident ſhall be inveſted with Power to call a Meeting of the Society, giving at leaſt three Days Notice to Members in Town, either by Advertiſements in the publick Papers, or by Letters ſent to each Member; every Meeting ſo called, ſhall be poſſeſſed of the ſame Extent of Power, in diſtributing of Charity, as any Quarterly Meeting.

XXV.

XXV. ANY indecent or unmannerly Behaviour of the Members, at any of the Meetings of the Society, ſhall be judg'd of by a Majority of the Company preſent, and the Perſon found to have tranſgreſſed, ſhall forfeit a Sum to the Box, at the Diſcretion of the Company, not exceeding *Ten Shillings* Currency.

XXVI. EVERY Member, who ſhall refuſe to comply with the Rules, without reaſonable Excuſe, to be judg'd of by the Society, ſhall have his Name ſtruck out of the Liſt, and ſhall no longer be deemed a Member.

XXVII. ALL Rules for the better Regulation of the Society, not inconſiſtent with, or repugnant to the above Rules, may be voted and agreed, by Plurality of Votes, at any Quarterly Meeting.

XXVIII. THE foregoing Rules ſhall be deemed the fundamental Articles and Rules of the Society, and ſhall not be altered or abrogated, otherwiſe than by the Conſent and Vote of two Thirds of the Members regularly met at the Anniverſary Aſſembly.

Voted, unanimouſly agreed, and ſealed with the Society's Seal, at *Philadelphia*, in the Province of *Pennſylvania*, this Thirtieth of *November*, in the Year of our Lord *One Thouſand Seven Hundred* and *Fifty-one*. Witneſs our Hands,

The Honourable *JAMES HAMILTON*, Eſq; Preſident.
Adam Thomſon, Vice Preſident.
William M'Ilvaine, Treaſurer.

Reſident

Reſident Members.

Charles Stedman,
Alexander Hamilton,
John Nelſon,
Hugh Davey,
} Aſſiſtants.

Lewis Gordon, Secretary.

Thomas Græme,
James Burd,
John Inglis,
James Trotter,
William Blair,
Alexander Annand,
Alexander Stedman,
Patrick Baird,
John Wallace,
John Sibbald,
Alexander Forbes,
George Smith,
Robert Smith,
John Kiddie,
James Lindſay,
David M'Ilvaine,
John Bell,
David Hall,
James Bell,
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Alexander Alexander,
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William Stuart,
Alexander Katter,
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John Cowan,
Alexander Stupart,
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Archibald Chryſtie,
Thomas M'Janet,
Alexander Ray.

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